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equine celebrities of a bygone age, was the destination of the last of the Stockwell. "All heart and no peel," as poor Sir Tatton Bykes who bred the colt would insist on naming him, in spite of Mr Merry's right to a more appropriate specimen of turf nomenclature. That his Grace's judgment was not at fault in giving even such a princely sum for Mr Merry's splendid Derby winner has already been proved, for the hero of last Wednesday's Blue Ribbon is about the first of the mighty chestnut's progeny, and 150 guineas will readily be given for his covering services.

I could not resist the temptation of jotting down these reminiscences of Doncaster at this particular time, when the highest stud honors have been achieved in almost his first season, as I well remember having predicted to Major Barlow, who negotiated the purchase of the horse for the Duke of Westminster with Robert Peck, that the son of Stockwell would sire a Derby winner within a few years.

A few particulars about the winner and placed horses for this last Derby may prove acceptable to many of your readers, who are interested in horse racing, and who have not opportunities of reading up racing history.

Epsom, Wednesday May 20th, 1880. The Derby Stakes of 5000 sovs. each, half forfeit, for three year olds; colts 8s 10lbs; fillies 8s 6lbs; the owner of the second horse to receive 300 sovs. and the third 150 sovs. out of the stakes; about a mile and a half.

The Duke of Westminster's ch. c. Bend Or, by Doncaster out of Rouge Rose (colt) (black cap) (F. Archer) 1. Mr. G. B. Brewer's b. c. Robert the Devil, by Bertram out of Cast-off by Promised Land, (white body; sky blue belt and cap) (Rossiter) 2. Prince Soltykoff's ch. c. Mask by Carnival out of Meteor (Pink) (T. Cannon) 3.

We have ventured, in addition to giving the pedigrees of the placed horses and the jockeys, but although Archer was engaged to ride Bend Or months ago it is just on the cards that Lord Falkland might want his services for Apollo or Merry Go Round, and the young scion of Scottish Chief out of Spinaway had polished off Mask in the Column, at the Newmarket Spring Meeting. Cannon would ride the supposed better of Blanton's pair, probably Mask, the Russian Prince having a claim on the Danebury jockey's services, and the stable "jock" Rossiter should be good enough for the other.

Bend Or, by Doncaster from Rouge Rose by Thormanby, her dam Ellen Horne, by Redbank out of Delhi by Plenipotentiary, is a light chestnut, with a fawn mane. He stood as a two year old, 15 hands 3 inches, and was noted for his fine length, race back and joints, and great muscular power in his quarters. His head, neck, and shoulders are said to be perfect, and although a little light in his pasterns, he stands true on his long and firm feet. The only fault in Bend Or's conformation was a rather coarse near hock—which however does not appear to have interfered with his Derby preparation. The above description of the Derby winner was sent me six months ago by an old literary conditor, who is probably one of the best judges of a racehorse in England, and on his opinion, combined with public form, I had no hesitation in placing the actual first and second in the Derby, before the New Year, as may sporting friends in Hongkong can testify.

Bend Or's two-year-old performances were as follows: Won the Chesterfield Stakes at the July Meeting, Newmarket, over half-a-mile, beating a large field, including Petal and Dora, who were second and third; won the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood (5 furlongs) in a common canter; Dora second, the rest nowhere; won the Prince of Wales Stakes at York, carrying 7 lbs. extra, defeating eight opponents, the best of whom were Brotherhood, Gil Blue, and Glen Ronald. At the Newmarket First October Meeting, Bend Or made a terrible example of Long Fire King, and eight others; and in the Rous Memorial on the following day he cantered away from Annie Chief, Dora, Mask and several others—and retired for the season with an unbeaten certificate. His first public appearance as a three-year-old was for the Derby, which it appears he has won handsomely, and I don't not that he is a racehorse of the very highest class.

Robert the Devil, a bay colt by Bertram from Cast Off by Promised Land, her dam Wanona by Womersley, granddam by Hampton, great granddam by Corvantes, was bred by his owner, Mr. Charles Brewer, and is described as a racing like colt, full of quality, either Bend Or or the luckless Beaudesert. Bertram was a good horse in his day, and his owner Mr. A. C. Barclay had hopes of his winning Cromwell's Derby, for which race he made a good show, finishing at Queen's Messengers' quarters for third place. Blanton, who trained Bertram throughout his racing career, would doubtless have a high opinion of his son, and on that day he refused 3000 guineas for his half share of Robert the Devil. The colt's performance as a two-year-old was undeniable, as he beat Dora and a large field very easily in the Rous Memorial at Goodwood, and had no difficulty in losing Nightingale and Caroline in a Sweepstakes at one of the Newmarket back-end meetings. Robert's first appearance this season was in the Newmarket Biennial, where with odds of 5 to 2 he beat on him, he shared the fate of Blue Gown, Favonius, and George Frederick in the same race, getting beat a head by Lord Falkland's dark Apollo, who had no price in the quotations; and his next show would be in the Derby, where he had to play second fiddle to Bend Or.

Mask, a chestnut colt by Carnival out of Meteor (The Spark's dam), was bred by his owner, Prince Soltykoff, and trained in the same stable as Robert the Devil, by Charles Blanton at New-

market. Mask was a very handsome two year old, but owing to certain infirmities he was a most difficult animal to train. His performance as a two year old was satisfactory, as he won the July Stakes at Newmarket, and several other races like a thorough racehorse, and when Bend Or beat him in the Autumn Prince Soltykoff's colt was dead amiss. This year he started a great favorite for the Column Stakes at Newmarket Spring Meeting, but went down before another of Lord Falkland's dark ones, Merry Go Round by Scottish Chief out of Spinaway, and now we see he has got third place in the Derby, his conqueror of last year, and his stable companion.

## AN OLD SPORTSMAN.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next AMERICAN MAIL may be expected to arrive here on or about the 2nd June by the P. & O. S. S. City of Peking, which left San Francisco on the 4th inst.

SINGAPORE only celebrates the Queen's Birthday on Wednesday next, the 2nd proximo.

We would remind our readers of the Concert advertised to be given in the Concert Room, City Hall, on Monday evening, by Maestro and Madame Hildemann, assisted by a number of gentlemen amateurs.

A PUBLIC auction of three valuable houses with a place of garden ground, comprising Island Lot No. 61, at Spring Gardens, took place this afternoon, and realized the sum of \$9,750. The houses are substantially built and stand in an airy situation opposite the Military Quarters in Wanchow.

A VERY handsome modelled steam-launch, built to the order of the Straits Government by the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company, Limited, underwent a trial trip in the harbour this afternoon, when a speed of 8½ knots was attained. As this was one and a half miles over the contract speed, the result was considered by the officials who were on board, to be highly satisfactory. We learn that the Dock Co. are in treaty for some further contracts from the same quarter.

EL E. CHEVALIER Calleso, of the Brazilian Embassy to China, landed from the *Paiva de Oliveira* yesterday, and has taken up his residence at the Hotel d'Univers. Admiral S. de Motta, the Brazilian Ambassador, accredited to the Court at Peking, remains on board, and it is understood, will not make an official landing for the present. On Wednesday next the Embassy and suite will pay a visit to Canton, under the guidance of Mr. Romano, returning in a few days. The corvette *Pava de Oliveira* will probably leave here in about a fortnight's time, when she will continue her cruise to Yokohama, San Francisco, and Guatemala, while the members of the Embassy, on receipt of further instructions from the Brazilian Government, expected daily, will proceed northwards by one of the usual mail steamers or other coasting packets, calling at Shanghai.

A MELANCHOLY accident occurred yesterday during the trip of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Co.'s steamer the *Powson*, resulting in the death by drowning of a promising young gentleman belonging to this Colony, Mr. Nelson Spratt, son of Mr. W. B. Spratt, of the Cosmopolitan Dock Company. Mr. Nelson Spratt was a passenger by the *Powson* to Canton, which left here yesterday afternoon, and was last seen about 9 p.m. sitting in a chair on the forward deck. At the hour above mentioned the alarm was given, "Man overboard." Captain Cary ordered a life buoy to be thrown and the gig to be manned, and the *Powson* steamed back to about the place where the alarm was given. At that time it was not known who had fallen overboard, but on enquiry, it was found that Mr. Spratt was missing. The search with the gig, in charge of the first officer, and with the steamer, was continued for over an hour, but no sign was seen of the unfortunate young man nor any cry heard. All hope was then given of his life being saved, and the steamer proceeded up the river. On making further enquiries it was found that Spratt had been seen to fall from the upper deck by a boy who attends the pilots, and had been looking out of the gangway at the time. He says that, in talking, the unlucky man struck one of the windows. Mr. W. B. Spratt was communicated with at once on the *Powson* arriving here on her return trip and a chart had been forwarded to him with the place where the accident occurred marked on it. No doubt due search will be made for the body. Deceased, from his position as a partner in the Cosmopolitan Dock Company, was well known, and on shore and amongst all officers and engineers of steamers and other persons visiting the port, and he was extremely popular amongst his fellows. He was steady, sturdy and intelligent, and was possessed of a business aptitude beyond his years, being only some 22 or 24 years of age. His melancholy and sudden cutting off will be deeply regretted by all who knew him, and public sympathy will go freely out towards those whom his sudden death bereaves.

This following is the order of Service at St. John's Cathedral, to-morrow, (Sat. Sunday) after Trinity:

Matins.—Venite, No. 5; Psalm, No. 161 and 162; Monks; To Deum, Ouseley; Do: Jubilate, No. 112 Monks; Anthem, "Arie, Shine" (Dr. Knyr); Hymn, No. 204.

Breviary.—Psalm, No. 103 and 105; Magnificat, Nunc Dimittes, Trinitas; Hymn, 127; Hymn, 2d (2d tune).

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EXTENSIVE preparations are going on at Government House, Singapore, in anticipation of a visit from H.R.H. Prince Heinrich of Prussia and the probability of his taking up his residence under the gubernatorial roof during his stay there.

THE United States corvette *Saxatara*, Capt. Sampson, left the Singapore roads at daylight on the 17th inst., for Siam, S.agon, and the China Station, and may, therefore, be expected here shortly.

H.M.S. *Stamer Wern*, Capt. J. G. Jones, en route for this port, left Singapore on the afternoon of the 20th, and may thus be hourly expected. The *Wern* is a turret ship of 2,761 tons, carries 4 heavy guns, with a crew of 158 men, and engines of 1,446 horsepower.

HIS Imperial Russian Majesty's steamer *Asa*, Captain Amassoff, bearing the flag of Rear-Admiral Alabonoff, from Cronstadt 2nd November, left Singapore on the 23rd for this port. The *Asa* is a vessel of 2,600 tons, carries 9 guns, with a complement of 250 men, and is the new flagship of the Russian Squadron in China and the Pacific. She has a splendid band which, it was hoped, would play on the Esplanade to give the Singaporeans an evening's treat. May we hope for the same here. It is a long time since we had a Band-night.

SHIPPING in Harbour of Amoy on 22nd inst.—Assens, Auguste, Bride, Friedrich, H. Bremer, Hecht, Jeddah, John Potts, Juno, Mail of Judah, Onward, Patroclus, Splendide, Bridger, British gunboat.

THE following charters were effected in Amoy during the fortnight ending the 26th inst.

*Menatilis*, 5,400 piculs, Taiwanfo, Chefoo and back to Amoy, 25 day days, \$2,000.

*Assens*, 5,800 piculs, Taiwanfo, Tientsin, Newchwang and back to Amoy, 35 day days, \$3,075.

*Auguste*, 5,000 piculs Taiwanfo, Tientsin, Newchwang and back to Amoy, 30 day days, 60 cents per picul.

*Friedrich*, 7,800 piculs, Chefoo and back to Amoy, 25 day days, \$2,350.

*Hecht*, 8,000 piculs, Newchwang and back to Amoy, 28 day days, \$2,000.

*Juno*, 6,000 piculs, Amoy, Tientsin, Newchwang and back, 31 day days, \$3,350 (Charterers to pay lightage at Tientsin).

*Bride*, 8,500 piculs, Taiwanfo to Yokohama 20 day days, 87½ cents for cargo loaded inside and 35 cents for cargo loaded outside.

THIRTY-one days from the Yangtze-Kiang to London, is a very smart run home; but this is the time one of the passengers by the *Glenoe* (Mr. Mustard) has laid down for himself. He will land at Suez, thence take the train to Alexandria, and cross the Mediterranean by the first opportunity. Arriving in Europe, he again takes the train, and expects to be in England within the 31 days.

MR. LOWE, in the *Nineteenth Century*, refers to Lord Beaconsfield as worthy, Daphne, alliterative and bombastic; to his policy as vulgar, pretentious, ostentatious and glib; to his language as pompous, inflated, inane, vague, dangerous, and degrading.

It is rumoured that the Chinamen at Kobe and Osaka have lately bought a large quantity of timber, having gone up to the mountainous place at Yachi-gori, Yamato, thus doing away with the necessity of the timber passing through the hands of the merchants of Osaka. The timber is now being exported to China.

THE new Spanish steamer *Jorge Juan*, which was lately launched by Messrs Olave, Larrañaga and Co., Barcelona, went down the Clyde on the 16th inst. for a trial of her engines. The principal dimensions of this vessel are—Length, 220 ft.; breadth, 80 ft.; depth, 18 ft. She has been fitted by Messrs Cowen, of Glasgow, with engines having cylinders 24 in. and 50 in., with a stroke of 18 in. The trial was in every way satisfactory, everything having worked with the greatest smoothness. The *Jorge Juan* is handsomely fitted up for about thirty first class passengers, the sleeping accommodation for whom is provided for in large state-rooms underneath the main deck, the dining-room being in a house above the main deck, the special arrangements having been considered necessary for the theatre heat which is generally experienced in trading in the China Seas, where this vessel is intended to take up her station.—*London and China Express*.

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pany, and commander of the *Nigata-Maru* to the only daughter of Mr. M. J. B. Nord, hock-Hest, one of the leading citizens. The ceremony was performed at Her Britannic Majesty's Consulate, by Mr. Consul Dolman, and afterwards at Christ Church, the bride being the Misses Walker, Brooke, Scott, and Ekstrand. A large party assembled for breakfast at the Grand Hotel after the ceremony, and when the toast "Health and Happiness to the Bride and Bridegroom" had been duly honoured the happy couple left for Hakone.

M. NORDENFELD, says the Paris letter of a contemporary, has been the hero of a hundred fates since he came to Paris. France has never been the last to reward the brave: she has decorated him, as also Verdy, with the highest rank in the Legion of Honour, while Victor Hugo, the same held true of Alexandre Dumas père, is in the lowest grade, on an equality with the citizen who has merited well of his country for inventing a patent medicine, or acting as private secretary to a minister for six weeks. Nordenfeldt had to shoulder his cross and show how fields of ice were won; at some receptions he was surrounded with specially painted Arctic scenes, and with which Parisians sympathized, after the recent winter. A fellow feeling makes us understand. He had to shoulder his cross and show how fields of ice were won; at some receptions he was surrounded with specially painted Arctic scenes, and with which Parisians sympathized, after the recent winter. A fellow feeling makes us understand.

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MAN E. O. Bishop, Manager of the Chartered Mercantile Bank, Singapore, has been offered a seat in the Singapore Legislative Council. Mr. Bishop, says the *Times*, is a highly respected resident with broad, liberal and independent views, and the acceptance by him of the seat could not fail to give general satisfaction.

ONE of the native papers mentions that the Osaka Mint has imported a large quantity of silver from China, at a cost of 1,040,000 yen. The same authority states that the silver will, when coined, turn out about 5,000,000 (5) yen. Another paper informs its readers that the mint is at present so busy completing work commenced daily at 4 a.m. and is continued until 9 p.m. The journal also states that 400,000 ounces of silver have been purchased from an Englishman, and that it is proposed to buy 8,000,000 ounces more.

A JAPANESE steamer, the *Gazette* hears, has been wrecked off or on the "Rattler" reef in the Tugara Strait, with very considerable loss of life, including over two hundred passengers. The name of the vessel we are not able to ascertain with any approach to certainty, but it was a vessel named *Magi* in round. The *Sunshine-Maru* arrived at Hakodate all well on the 16th, so that she is not the vessel wrecked, as was at first thought.

A RECENT paragraph in the *World* refers to a gentleman who spent some time here in the latter part of last year.

THE Courts of Law have recently been seriously exercised as to the whereabouts of Sir Thomas Hesketh, the young Lancashire baronet who acted as Colonel Buller's galloper in the Zulu campaign, and who soon afterwards quitted Durban, in his yacht the *Landseer*, with the young Mr. Francis of the *Times* as his companion, for parts unknown. I can throw some light on the subject. The *Landseer* which left Japan soon after the new year, and crossed the Pacific to San Francisco. By this time Sir Thomas Hesketh and his companion were in the Yanchow, Formosa Island and British Columbia, whence they return to San Francisco, and then start on the long homeward voyage round Cape Horn, meaning to reach England in the early part of next December.

WE give in our fourth page to-day, the report and balance sheet of the Oriental Bank Corporation. With reference to the same we find the following paragraph in the *Economist* of April 17th—

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## Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Mag.)

Saturday, May 29.

## TROUTED SERVANTS.

Li Achen, butler, and Ip Ahing, assistant cook, both in the employment of Mr. Katz were charged with stealing two bottles of claret and four bottles of beer on the 25th inst.

The first prisoner had been in the same employment for a period of 18 years and had been personally known to Mr. Katz for the last 5 years. He bore an excellent character and was looked upon in every way as a most trustworthy man.

Defendants both admitted their guilt. Mr. Watson appeared on behalf of the defaulting butler and pleaded for mitigation of sentence on account of his long service and good conduct.

His Worship sentenced them to fourteen days imprisonment with hard labour each, and imposed on the first prisoner a fine of \$50, in default of payment to be further imprisoned for a period of three months.

## A PICK-POCKET.

Li Shon Sen, a hawk, was charged with picking the pocket of a fellow hawk at the Po Lok Theatre, yesterday evening, stealing therefrom the sum of 90 cents.

Very little evidence was taken in the case and the further hearing was remanded till Monday next.

## China.

## SHANGHAI.

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There being inadequate evidence to connect the bandman who has lately been detained at the Central Station with the death of Guillermo, the Spanish Consul has had him released. He persistently maintains that he knows nothing about the affair.

## (V. G. D. News)

His Excellency Monsieur A. Bouras, the newly appointed French Minister to Peking, leaves this morning (26th). The Admiral, has placed at his disposal the corvette *Champion* which will convey him to Taku. Thence he will embark on board the gunboat *Lyons* which will take him to the river to Tientsin. He is accompanied by his wife and family.

We hear that Mr. Sherzer, who arrived from Canton by the last French mail to act in the capacity of Consul and Interpreter at the French Consulate-General, proceeds to Hankow in the M.M. Co.'s steamer *Tigre* to undertake the duties of Vice-Consul.

Our latest information with regard to the attack made on Mr. Williams by robbers on the 4th inst., is that the *Yu Hing* Magistrate, to whom the missionary reported the circumstances, went to the scene of the occurrence, and found that it had not taken place within the limits of his jurisdiction. He then sent word to the Magistrate at An Chih, whose duty it would be to take up the matter. When Mr. Williams left his home for Shanghai, a native pastor had himself gone to An Chih to see the Magistrate, and had not yet returned.

The *Shen Pao* of the 20th states that it hears from Peking that the negotiations between China and Germany regarding the revision of the German treaty have been concluded, and several articles supplementary to that treaty have been agreed upon. One article is said to provide for the establishment at Shanghai of bonded warehouses.

We are informed that during the stay of H.M.'s despatch vessel *Vigilant* at Tientsin, H.M. Li Hung-chang, the Viceroy of Chihli, paid a visit in state to that vessel and had an interview with Sir Thomas Wade and Mr. (Frederick) Cook, which lasted about an hour. The Viceroy was received with the honours becoming his station.

## HANKOW.

M. Blancheton, who has for many years watched the interest of France at this port in his capacity of Consul, left for Shanghai per *Pekin* last week, en route for Bangkok, where he will possess a somewhat larger field for the exercise of his abilities and the display of his many amiable qualities. His successor is understood to be on his way out from Hongkong.

A Sunday afternoon service intended for the station of the various vessels frequenting this port during the tea season, has been instituted—by the pastor of the Episcopal Church.

The Admiral of the U. S. fleet is expected to pay a visit to Hankow in a few days. The French Admiral made a very brief stay on the occasion of his recent visit in the *Lyons*, arriving one afternoon and leaving the following morning.

A notification, addressed to all subjects of Her Britannic Majesty here, has been issued by Mr. Alabaster, informing them that henceforth applicants for transit passes must sign a declaration that the goods shipped by them under cover of such permits are bona fide their property. It remains to be seen what effect (if any) such an order will have on the peculiar branch of trade to which the manifesto applies.

The British Consulate, a substantial-looking edifice, is about to be pulled down and rebuilt. Owing probably to the inclemencies of the weather, the walls have cracked and opened in several places, and from all accounts it must be anything but a desirable place of residence. Mr. F. J. Marshall, Clerk of Works to H.M.'s Legation, is now in Hankow, presumably on business connected with its reconstruction.

The Garrison of the city of Wanchow, opposite Hankow, has been kept in a state of much excitement during the last ten days, by the visit of a military official of high rank, now on a tour of inspection. The series of fortifications which immediately opposite the settlement, and the community has thus been the benefit of all the noise the terrible "brave" have been allowed to kick up with guns and crackers, during the inspection.—*Courier Cor.*

## JAPANESE ITEMS.

The following are from the *Japan Gazette* translations from native papers—

Tamashiro Genbo, a resident of Kiofo, recently found a silver mine in the Kurama mountain, and investigation shows a yield of two pounds of pure silver to eighty pounds of ore. This is equivalent to about fifty-five pounds weight of silver to the ton of ore, and the sooner this mountain of wealth is worked the better.

In Vladivostok, a correspondent says, there are about one hundred Ja-

panese fishermen. Since trouble began between Russia and China no Chinese or Koreans are allowed to walk about after 10 p.m. without lanterns, and they are constantly subject to strict police supervision. Japanese, on the other hand, are most politely treated. This politeness towards Japanese involuntarily calls to mind a familiar ad hominem, but apposite quotation, which we commend to the attention of our Japanese friends. It is, *Tingo Danoas, et dona ferentes*; which we freely translate for the benefit of those unversed in the tongue of Virgil, as follows:—"I fear Russians, even when they bring presents." The moral being, fulsome kindness is always to be suspected.

## COMMERCIAL.

May 29. The reported increase of *lekis* has put a perfect damper on the market for the drug. The business of the fortnight has been consequently extremely limited. With but a handful of stock of New Patna the rate for the drug has given way, but for Old it has rallied lately. The rate for Benares also has declined, though the stock of it is moderate. The present quotations are \$64½ for New and \$64½ to \$64¾ for Old Patna; \$58½ to \$59 for Benares.

The receipts for the month remain as last noted, at 4037 chests. During the interval some 250 chests have been taken by the local consumers, against 175 chests at the corresponding period last year. This, with the exportations, leaves the available supply computed at 1690 chests, against 2415 chests on a later date last year, when the first receipts for June were 1,475 chests. Of Benares the present stock comprises 250 chests.

MR. R. SEXTON'S Freight Circular for the Mail of Monday, 31st May, says:—

Business as regards Coast charters has revived considerably since issue of last report, there has been an active demand for tonnage to the Northern ports, and freights are firm. Home charters have continued scarce and rates are generally weak.

Homewards, there has been nothing doing from the Philippines either to the States or to the United Kingdom, and only one settlement is reported from this port to London at midweek terms, the demand for tonnage for New York seems to be satisfied at present, the berth being still well supplied.

Coastwise, a slightly better demand has sprung up during the last few days for steamers from Saigon, this port, but rates are ruling very low, and not more than 14 to 15 cents per picul can be quoted for suitable steamers for the latter voyage, and 22 to 23 cents to Saigon and back. There has been no inquiry either for steamers or sailing vessels to Bangkok and back. For the Northern ports, rates are firm in good demand, and rates are firm. From Foochow to Australia, no settlements have taken place as yet, partly owing to the absence of suitable cargo.

The British barque *West Glen*, 699 tons, proceeds to Taku and thence thence to Yokohama, effected elsewhere.

The disengaged tonnage in port amounts to 5 vessels, registering 4,215 tons, steamers not included.

The following are the settlements:— British ship *Clidesdale*, 1843, to London, private.

British barque *Spirit of the Age*, 347, to Honolulu, private.

British barque *Cuba*, 320, Taku to Yokohama, 30½ cents per picul 15 day days.

British barque *Reliance*, 298, Taku to Yokohama, 37½ cents per picul. German barque *Anna Bertha*, 468, Taku to Yokohama and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 60 cents per picul 45 day days.

British barque *Gingales*, 330, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 55 cents per picul, or Whampoa to Chefoo and back to Hongkong via Newchwang 45 cents per picul 40 day days.

French barque *Chariot*, 250, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 67½ cents per picul.

British barque *Chariot*, 211, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 70 cents per picul.

German barque *Laugh Ballough*, 240, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 71½ cents per picul.

German barque *Anna*



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(Revised March 1, 1880.)

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Europe, most foreign possessions in Asia,  
Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius,  
N. America, Mexico, Salvador, Old  
Brazil, Peru, Venezuela, The Argentine  
Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana,  
Honduras, Bermuda, Labuan, with  
Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese  
and Spanish Colonies.

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Letters, 10 cents per 1 oz.

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Hawaiian Kingdom:—	
15	Letters, 10
10	Registration, None.
	Newspapers, 5
	Books & Patterns, 5
West Indies (Non Union), Bolivia,	
1	Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala,
1	Paraná, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay,
1	Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, 10
1	Letters, 30
1	Registration, None.
1	Newspapers, 5
1	Books & Patterns, 10
1	Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania,
1	Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 12;
1	gliteration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books
1	Patterns, 4; Via Galle, Letters, 20;
1	gliteration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books
1	Patterns, 4.
1	Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, and A
1	dition, via Aden, Letters, 25; Registra-
1	10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns

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